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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REQUIRES A COMPANY OR INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO TRADE IN OR IMPORT FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION COMMERCIALY TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CTUNTRY (LAN) WHERE THE FIRM OPERATES; OR, IN THE CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL, WHERE HE RESIDES, OR, IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT RESIDE IN THE COUNTRY, WHERE THE PORT OF ENTRY IS LOCATED. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PERMIT, ENTERPRISE MUST BE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN COMMERCE, BE RELIABLE AND LAW-ABIDING, AND DESIGNATE AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE FIRM WHO WILL BE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSURING THAT COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION CONFORM TO LAW. PERMIT SPECIFIES FIRM'S PLACE OF OPERATION AND NUMBER AND KIND OF WEAPONS THAT MAY BE HELD AT ONE TIME. IT INCLUDES RIGHT FOR PERMIT-HOLDER TO SELL, BUY AND POSSESS SUCH WEAPONS.

2. AN INDIVIDUAL WISHING TO ACQUIRE AND POSSESS FIREAM AND/OR AMMUNITION FOR HIS PERSONAL USE MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT FROM POLICE AT PLACE OF RESIDENCE. HE MUST HOW NEED, GIVE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT HE IS UNLIKELY TO MISUSE WEAPON, AND HAVE RECORD FOR SOBRIETY. (PERMITS FOR PISTOLS AND SIMILAR POCKET FIREARMS WILL ONLY BE GRANTED IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.) EACH PERMIT TO PURCHASE IS VALID SIX MONTHS ONLY.

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3. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL GUN DEALERS ARE REQUIRED TO KEEP FOR 10 YEARS WRITTEN RECORD OF EACH PURCHASE THEY MAKE, INCLUDING NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER; NUMBER, KIND AND DESIGNATION OF FIREARMS; DATE OF TRANSACTION. DEALERS MUST ALSO KEEP FOR 10 YEARS SIMILAR WRITTEN RECORD REGARDING THEIR SALES, INCLUDING ALSO OCCUPATION OF PURCHASER; DATE AND NUMBER OF CUSTOMER'S PERMIT AND ISSUING AUTHORITY; AND THEY MUST RETAIN ACTUAL COPY OF CUSTOMER'S PERMIT. POLICE ARE REQUIRED TO INSPECT AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR DEALERS' PURCHASE AND SALES RECORDS AND LOCALE WHERE WEAPONS ARE STORED.

4. LAW REQUIRES ALL POSSESSORS OF FIREARMS TO KEEP THEM IN SUCH MANNER THAT THEY REMAIN INACCESSIBLE TO UNAUTHORIZED

5. FIREARMS ACT (VAPENLAGEN) OF JUNE 10, 1949. IS BASIC SWEDISH LAW IN THIS AREA.
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